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For. **CARD SETTLEMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM USING MOBILE INFORMATION  
TERMINAL**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND  
STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached, together with a copy of a European Search Report issued on November 18, 2004.

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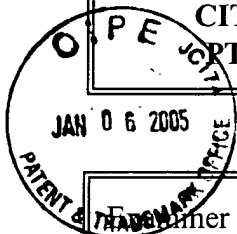
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